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SUBJECT: TRACES - HANS CHRIST



1. HANS RUDOLE W. (CHRIST) ACHIM AKA HANS ACHIM (CHRIST)
HOOPE, WAS BORN 21 FEB 1951, SANTA TECLA, EL
SALVADOR; HAS SALVADORAN AND GERMAN PASSPORTS.

2. 4 APR 81 WITNESS

BELIEVED CHRIST AND RICARDO (SOL) MESA COMMITTED THE MURDERS.

SAW CHRIST IN THE DOORAY AT END OF HALL BECKONING TO

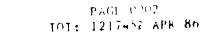
SOMEONE NEAR THE OPPOSITE END OF THE PASSAGEWAY ADJOINING THE
LOBBY. SHORTLY AFTER HEARD GUNFIRE AND WHEN ENTERED THE
RESTAURANT SAW CHRIST TALKING INTO HAND HELD RADIO, AND SOL MEZA
BENDING OVER MARK D. (PEARLMAN), WHO STILL ALIVE. PEARLMAN DIED
ENROUTE TO HOSPITAL. CHRIST WORE DARK BLUE SUIT AND SOL MEZA A
BLUE ZIPPERED JACKET. NO WEAPONS WERE VISIBLE BUT COULD HAVE
BEEN CONCEALED IN JACKETS.

CHRIST HAD VISAS FOR DE AND CHIEF IN BALVADOKAN PASSPORT BUT WANTED VISA IN GERMAN PASSPORT ALSO TO TRAVEL AS GERMAN CITIZEN. ACCORDING EASTERN FLT 198 MANIFEST CHRIST DEPARTED



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CONTEMALN FOR MIAMI S APR 81 ITH WIFE, MARIA EDELMIRA (AGUILAR)

LL CHRIST, USING SALVADORAN PPTS 0398196 AND

(396676, RESPECTIVELY, SEARCH OF CHRIST EL SALVADOR HOME 10 APR

DISCLOSED WEAPONS WITH GOES MARKINGS (NFI), ON 15 APRIL 81

CHRIST WAS ARRESTED BY IN MIAMI IN CONNECTION WITH

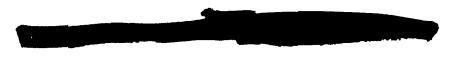
SHERATON MURDERS, ON 10 SEPT 81, DEPT JUSTICE REPORTED

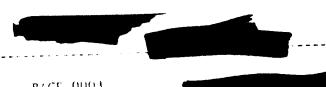
SALVADORAN COURTS DECLARED INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DENY BAIL TO

SCL MEZA AND, SINCE CASE DEPENDED ON OUTCOME OF CASE AGAINST SOL

MEZA, EXTRADITION HEARING DELAYED INDEFINITELY.

- 4. ON 27 FEB 82 CHRIST AS OUT ON BAIL AND WAS IN MIAMI, AND REQUEST BY GOES FOR EXTRADITION PROCESSED BY US DIST COURT FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. ON 28 MAR 82 CRIMINAL APPELLATE COURT CONFIRMED SUSPENSION OF CASE AGAINST CHRIST AND SOL MEZA FOR INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE; CASE AGAINST CHRIST FORMALLY DISMISSED 23 JUNE 82 BY US MAGISTRATE. ON 27 SEPT 82 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REQUESTED CASE BE REOPENED BECAUSE OF NEW EVIDENCE. ACCORDING CHRIST'S LAWYER, 13 OCT 82, CHRIST IN OU'LTO.
- NOV 82 AND REPORTED INTIMIDATED AND THREATENED AGAINST IDENTIFYING LT.RODOLFO ISIDRO (LOPEZ) SIBRIAN DURING TESTIMONY. IDENTIFIED CHRIST FROM PHOTO AS ONE OF SIX MEN IN COFFEE SHOP ON DAY OF MURDER, BUT WOULD NOT IDENTIFY LOPEZ. WITHOUT HER IDENTIFICATION CASE AGAINST LOPEZ WAS DISMISSED, AND CASE AGAINST CHRIST DEPENDED ON LOPEZ' CASE.
- 6. ACCORDING 28 NOV 82 NEWS ARTICLE, DURING TRIAL OF TWO FORMER NATIONAL GUARD (GN) CORPORALS INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS, JOSE DIMAS (VALLE) ACEVEDO AND SANGIAGO (GOMEZ) GONZALEZ, SAID THEY MET LT. LOPEZ SIBRIAN AND CHRIST IN HOTEL PARKING LOT AND IT WAS THERE THEY WERE GIVEN WEAPONS AND ORDERED TO EXECUTE THE THREE OFFICIALS. ONE MAN WAS GIVEN A WINDBREAKER TO CONCEAL HIS GUN. THAT SAME EVENING THEYWERE ACCOMPANIED BY CHRIST TO THE HOTEL. HE LED THEM TO THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS, HERE THE THREE OFFICIALS WERE HAVING PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS. CHRIST POINTED OUT THE THREE VICTIMS TO THEIR EXECUTIONERS. ACCORDING TO CHRIST'S LAWYER, JUAN RAMON (ROSALES) Y ROSALES, CHRIST WAS INNOCENT, AND HAD RESULTS OF AN EIGHT-HOUR POLYGRAPH TEST ADMINISTERED IN MIAMI TO PROVE IT. ACCORDING NEWS ARTICLE, CHRIST REPORTED TRAVELLING TO US. HIS LAYER HAD ADVISED HIM TO GO TO CHILE, HERE THERE IS NO EXTRADITION TREATY ITH GOES. ON ADVISED THAT CHRIST REPORTED TO HAVE 24 JAN 83 BEEN SEEN IN HIAMI, FLORIDA.
 - 7. A SUMMARY OF THE SHERATON HOTEL MURDER INQUIRY INDICATED





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FID LIG (VIERA), MICHAEL (HAMMER), AND MARE PEARLMAN WERE MUEDERED IN THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, SAN SALVADOR, 3 JANUARY 1981. LT LOPEZ AND HIS BODYGUARD, VALLE, DECVE FROM GN HOS TO CHRIST HOME THEN TO SHERATON HOTEL. THEY MAINTAINED RADIO CONTACT WITH ARMY CAPT. EDUARDO ERNESTO ALFONSO AVILA) AVILA HOM THEY MET AT HOTEL PARKING LOT. CHRIST ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND AVILA BELIEVED ACCOMPANIED BY GIRLFRIEND. THEY WENT TO COFFEE SHOP FOR DINNER, AND CHRIST RECOGNIZED VIERA, HAMMER AND PEARLMAN WHEN THEY ENTERED, APPROX 2200 HRS SOL MEZA, HIS WIFE, AND MAJOR MARIO DENIS (MORAN) AND HIS WIFE ARRIVED, ESCORTED BY GN SANTOS ANGEL (URIBE) AND SANTIAGO (GOMEZ) GONZALEZ, AND BODYGUARDS JULIO (CARRILLO) SARMIENTO AND ISMAEL HERCULES (REYES), EMPLOYED BY SOL MEZA. APPROX 2300 HRS CHRIST, LOPEZ AND AVILA HET AT LOPEZ' VEHICLE, AND LOPEZ REPORTEDLY INSTRUCTED VALLE ACEVEDO TO KILL THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTO SALVADORENO PARA LA TRANSFORMACION AGRARIA (ISTA) AND TWO FOREIGNERS WITH HIM. LOPEZ ORDERED GOMEZ TO ACCOMPANY VALLE, THEY ACCOMPANIED LOPEZ TO HIS CHEVROLET, WHERE HE GAVE GONEZ A 9MM INGRAM SUB MACHINEGUN AND AVILA GAVE VALLE A 45 CAL INGRAM SUB MACHINEGUN WITH SILENCER. AVILA GAVE GOMEZ A KHAKI WINDBREAKER JACKET TO CONCEAL THE WEAPON. CHRIST LED GOMEZ AND VALLE INTO THE HOTEL AND AT THE DOORWAY TO THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS, GESTURED TOWARD THE VIERA PARTY, INDICATING TO GOMEZ AND VALLE THESE WERE THE MEN TO BE KILLED. GOMEZ AND VALLE REPORTEDLY CARRIED OUT THE ASSASSINATION, RETURNED TO THE PARKING LOT, AND WENT TO THE AVILA RESIDENCE, WHERE VALLE RETURNED THE INGRAM AND GOMEZ RETURNED THE WINDBREAKER TO AVILA. LOPEZ THEN INSTRUCTED THEM TO RETURN TO GN HQS. AND LOPEZ AND POSSIBLY AVILA RETURNED TO THE HOTEL TO VERIFY EVENTS.

